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Curios and Relics

China, Kitchenware, & Glassware

Commemorative China

Wedgwood

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the

Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

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Lincolniana Publishers
Fort Wayne, Ind

Rockwell, Iowa
Aug.6. 1939

Dear, Sirs:

I have a Blue Wedgwood - Historical plate Of Abraham Lincoln for sale.

I will describe it below.

Center of plate. Abraham Lincoln standing on a small platform. A large chair is behind him with a eagle - on the chair back.

Borner of plate has pictures of following places. Iowa State Capitol. Des Moines, Iowa, Polk County - Court House. Des Moines. Iowa, Soldiers & Sailors Monument. Des Moines, Iowa, Sixth Ave Bridge. Des Moines, Iowa, Fort Des Moines Officers Quars. Des Moines, Iowa.

(Plate)

This is a 10 1/2 inch and very pretty. It was made - Expressiv for The Register & Leader Des Moines, Iowa By Wedgwood Co., England.

If you can use this item I will take $3.00 for it . Any collector of Lincoln items should glady pay $5.00 for this plate.

Trusting to be of service to you and hoping to hear - from you soon.

Your's truly:

Cliff Caspers.

ordered 3-20-67

I Panorama of three noted Washington landmarks: the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol.

II The Capitol, representing the legislative branch of the Government, is the home of the Congress.

III The White House, representing the executive branch of the Government, in its handsome setting on Pennsylvania Ave.

IV The Supreme Court, representing the judicial branch of the Government, occupies this classic building.

The Federal City

For many years Chas. Schwartz & Son has been aware of the need for some tangible expression of the dignity, beauty and historic importance of the Federal City. Many possibilities were examined. It was finally decided that a set of fine commemorative plates, making a handsome addition to either traditional or contemporary decor, was a worthy memento. About the next step there was no question: the famous firm of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons, England, should be entrusted with the execution. And Wedgwood Queen's Ware, first made over 200 years ago for Queen Charlotte, should be the medium.

The Wedgwood people were as enthusiastic as we. Together we worked out the details of the project. The basic plate shape was selected. Thousands of photographs of the city were carefully scrutinized, and four representative views were chosen.

The photographs were rendered as pen-and-ink drawings by noted artist Alan Price.

In the Index of American Design of the National Gallery of Art, we found an American eagle carved in the middle of the 19th century by a New Hampshire woodcarver thought to be John H. Bellamy. It is this eagle that sits atop each plate, lending it a final air of authenticity. The cherry blossom, symbolic of Washington, was used to complete the decoration of the rim. Many hours were spent in the Library of Congress perusing documents and histories of Washington to serve as the basis for the text.

The drawings, made into steel engravings, are carefully transferred to each plate, assuring fidelity of reproduction, and the plates are hard-fired for durability, with the decoration under glaze. On the back is the explanatory text and the famous Wedgwood hallmark.

Great care was lavished on the creation and execution of these plates. They are destined to become collectors' items. The set of four, in a handsome blue velour presentation case, is a distinguished addition to your own collection—use them as wall decorations or as service plates. Singly or in sets, they make memorable gifts for family, friends or business associates—a gracious reminder of the Nation's Capital.

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